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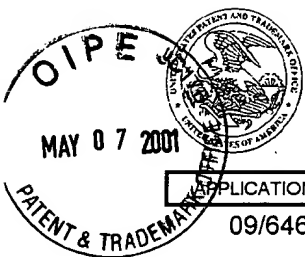
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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

5       The present invention relates to an apparatus for an integrated process of magnetic particles and a method of controlling the same. Particularly, the present invention relates to an apparatus for an integrated process of magnetic particles and a method of controlling the same, which can execute processes such as reaction, separation, fixing quantity, dispensation, clarification, concentration, agitation,  
10       suspension, dilution, and operations such as observation, extraction, recovery, isolation, and indications in regard to for example, immune substances such as antibodies or antigens, genetic substances (DNA, RNA, m-RNA and so on), bacillus, and other useful substances such as medicines, or target substances, for medical treatment, inspection, diagnosis, medical care, research, quantitative analysis,  
15       qualitative analysis and so on in all manner of fields such as medical science, agricultural science, engineering, scientific fields, pharmaceuticals, by using a fluid incorporating magnetic particles and capable of being processed in large numbers in a vessel such as a microplate.

20       BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

      Currently, there is a pipette device shown in Fig. 13. As shown in this view, the pipette device has a magnet driving device for controlling to drive a magnetic source M and a holding body V. The magnetic source M having a magnet section and the holding body V having a holding section, are rotatably mounted in an up-down  
25       mechanism of the pipette device in such a manner that they can approach and go away from one another.

      When the up-down mechanism O moves vertically, as shown in Fig. 13, the magnetic source M and the holding body V move in obedience to movement of rollers  $R_A$   $R_B$  of the up-down mechanism O so that they close in a way that they hold a tip